

Misses Emma Gregory and Ina Ensign, and Mr. Edward Walt being especially good.

IN OMAHA.

Major and Mrs. Worth gave a farewell dinner to Capt. and Mrs. Ayres Tuesday evening.

Miss Hawkes of St. Joseph spent the week in Omaha as the guest of Miss Yates.

Capt. and Mrs. Ayres left for Chicago Thursday afternoon.

Miss Firestone of Columbus, Ohio; has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Herbert Martin.

Mrs. John Cudahy, Jr., has taken up her residence for the summer at the Mercer.

In honor of Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson, Mrs. James McKenna entertained at luncheon on Tuesday. Those present were: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ayres, Miss Knippenberg, Miss Nash, Miss Wilson, Miss McKenna, Mr. Peck, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cartan.

Mr. and Mrs. Knippenberg and Miss Knippenberg arrived on Saturday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Knippenberg left on Tuesday for their summer home near Yellowstone Park, Miss Knippenberg remaining until July.

The Misses Yates entertained the Cooking Club on Thursday.

Captain Rustin returned on Tuesday from Idaho, which was as near as the floods permitted him to reach Portland. Mrs. Rustin who was more fortunate came back Wednesday.

Mrs. Cudahy went on Sunday to Narragansett Pier where she will pass the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston have rented Mr. C. E. Yost's former residence at the corner of Webster and Twentieth streets.

Mrs. Boyd, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Morris for some weeks past, returned to Chicago on Monday.

A large number of friends met at the Webster street depot Monday evening to bid farewell to Miss Rodman who left that evening for St. Paul. This popular young woman was fairly buried in flowers and many are the regrets expressed at her leaving Omaha.

General Brooke left for the east last Sunday. He will visit New York, West Point, Newport and Washington before his return to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Tripp (nee Williams) of Scranton, Pa., are in the city guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Miss Wilson and Mr. Lester O. Peck will leave tomorrow for New York, stopping over at Niagara and Saratoga enroute.

Speaking to a representative of THE COURIER this week, Mr. E. Hallett, the well known jeweler at 1143 O street, said: "Our general trade, and especially in diamonds, has greatly increased since moving. The prospects for a brisk summer are growing steadily better. Several weddings occurred this week, and trade in solid silver-ware, of which we carry a complete line, has materially increased.

We have removed our stock of harness from 1235 to 1218 O street, where we will be glad to see all our old customers and many new ones.

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NEEDED INVENTIONS.

Things That Might Fill Various Long-Felt Wants.

London "Answers" recently invited its readers to suggest various "needed inventions." Here are a few of the many suggestions:

THE PENCIL OF THE FUTURE.

The article which in my idea would be the most satisfactory invention to the public at large would be a pencil which, instead of being filled with the ordinary plumbago, should be filled with some composition which would write as indelibly as ink without smudging and would enable us to write with the smoothness of a pencil.

This would do away with the scratching, spluttering, dirty, corroding pen. Besides, the time lost alone in dipping the pen in the ink is considerable.

The inventor of such a pencil would confer a boon upon the public.

NOISELESS WALKING STICKS.

When carrying a walking-stick I have always disliked the harsh, grating sound made by the ferrule when touching the pavement.

This could easily be remedied by having a piece of rubber in place of the ferrule, and I feel sure that the "noiseless walking stick" would become a boon to all who used it.

AUTOMATIC OMNIBUS STARTERS.

What invention would be more humane, and, I should imagine, possible, than the following?

A spring capable of being applied to omnibuses and similar vehicles that are required to be stopped and started very often, and so constructed that it would act like an ordinary brake in stopping the vehicle, but would, when released again start the vehicle of its own accord.

It would effect an enormous saving in the number of horses now yearly worn out in this unnecessary labor.

AN OVERCOAT LIFTER.

The majority of fellows find it a bother to get their overcoats on. I think an invention for holding and lifting an overcoat would be a good thing.

My idea would be for the machine to hold the coat with two spring clips on two arms, to work by clock work, and by a series of gentle jerks to lift the coat to the required height. It would have a spring at the bottom, which, being pressed by one's heel, would instantly release the coat.

The machine could be made both ornamental, simple and cheap, and could also be used as a hat and umbrella stand.

WANTED—A SMOKER'S FRIEND.

I think one of the most needed inventions of to-day, especially in this changeable climate of ours, is an apparatus for lighting matches in the open air on a wet or windy day.

It should be collapsible, small and covered, and would indeed be a boon to men. I have often pitied poor fellows on a wild night trying in vain to light their pipes and dodging behind every corner and protection. They would bless the inventor of a match-box which would afford at the same time a temporary shelter to the flickering light.

UMBRELLA OPENING MADE EASY.

Of late years we have seen a great variety of designs and colors in umbrellas, but as yet nothing has been invented to improve the opening and shutting of this every-day article.

Now, would not a great improvement be effected by fitting a wire spring from the top of the handle down to the socket where the ribs meet, so that if it were pressed by the thumb it would draw up and open the umbrella?

This would help one out of a difficulty which one is often placed in when he or she has got only one hand at liberty to open one's "gamp."

WHY HAS NO ONE THOUGHT OF IT?

What is particularly wanted at the present day, especially since we are threatened with the woman cyclist, is a bicycle so constructed that its motive power is increased by the rider keeping in an upright position, and retarded by the rider keeping the Bico-Scorchers position now in vogue.

Again, bicycle riders want a handy lamp extinguisher, which might consist of a little wire at the bottom of the lamp, so that the extinguisher would fall over the wick, and when not in use a small spring would hold it at the top of the lamp, keeping it from vibrating.